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To promote greater public participation in decennial censuses by providing for the expansion of the educational program commonly referred to as the “Census in Schools Project”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Census in the Schools
5 Promotion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The program commonly referred to as the
2 “Census in Schools Project”, under the auspices of
3 the Bureau of the Census, represents an effective
4 way to educate the Nation’s youth as to the reasons
5 why a full and complete census is so important to
6 a democratic society.

7 (2) Our schools may be the only institution that
8 maintains a continuing relationship with a broad
9 cross-section of this Nation’s families with children.

10 (3) Educating the children of this Nation as to
11 the importance of the census is an investment that
12 will promote greater levels of public participation,
13 especially in the hardest-to-count communities, not
14 only in the 2000 census, but censuses thereafter.

15 (4) The program referred to in paragraph (1),
16 while comprehensive, is one that the Bureau of the
17 Census has indicated it will not be able to implement
18 more broadly without additional funding.

19 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to promote
20 greater public participation in decennial censuses by pro-
21 viding for the expansion of the program referred to in
22 paragraph (1).

1 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM EXPANSION.**

2 The Secretary of Commerce shall take appropriate
3 measures to ensure that, under the program referred to
4 in section 2(a)(1)—

5 (1) a written invitation to participate in such
6 program shall be afforded—

7 (A) to the head of each elementary school
8 and of each secondary school;

9 (B) to each elementary school teacher; and

10 (C) to each secondary school teacher the
11 principal duties of whom involve the teaching of
12 mathematics, geography, or social studies; and

13 (2) upon timely acceptance of an invitation de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1), the individual involved
15 shall, without charge, be provided with a set of such
16 grade-appropriate teaching guides, student mate-
17 rials, or other information or materials as the Sec-
18 retary may determine.

19 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.**

20 The Secretary of Commerce may prescribe any regu-
21 lations necessary to carry out this Act.

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